

S. 2457. An Act for the relief of Benchmark Rail Group, Inc;

S. 2475. An Act to authorize assistance to promote the peaceful resolution of conflicts in Africa;

S. 2500. An Act to enable producers and feeders of sheep and importers of sheep and sheep products to develop, finance, and carry out a nationally coordinated program for sheep and sheep product promotion, research, and information, and for other purposes; and

S. Con. Res. 77. Concurrent Resolution Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the United States position on the dissection of aircraft at the 11th meeting of the Facilitation Division of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

¶120.6 ORDER OF BUSINESS—

CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 416

On motion of Mr. GEJDENSON, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That at any time hereafter the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of House Joint Resolution 416; that the first reading of the joint resolution be dispensed with; that all points of order against the joint resolution and against its consideration be waived; that general debate be confined to the joint resolution and not to exceed four hours, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, or their designees; that after general debate the Committee of the Whole rise without motion; and that no further consideration of the joint resolution be in order except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House.

¶120.7 TIMBER SALES RECEIPTS

On motion of Mr. DICKS, by unanimous consent, the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Natural Resources were discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5161) to amend the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 to permit the prompt sharing of timber sale receipts of the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

When said bill was considered, read twice, ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read a third time by title, and passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶120.8 PROVIDING FOR THE

CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5044

Mr. MOAKLEY, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 562):

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5044) to establish the American Heritage Areas Partnership Program, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. General debate shall be confined to the

bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule for a period not to exceed three hours (excluding time consumed by recorded votes and proceedings incidental thereto). Each section shall be considered as read. No amendment to the bill shall be in order unless printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 6 of rule XXIII before the beginning of consideration of the bill. Any amendment to the bill caused to be printed in the Record by Representative Vento of Minnesota may amend portions of the bill not yet read for amendment. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit.

When said resolution was considered. After debate,

By unanimous consent, the previous question was ordered on the resolution to its adoption or rejection and under the operation thereof, the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

¶120.9 AMERICAN HERITAGE AREAS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. TORRICELLI, pursuant to House Resolution 562 and rule XXIII, declared the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 5044) to establish the American Heritage Areas Partnership Program, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. TORRICELLI, by unanimous consent, designated Mr. MENENDEZ as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole; and after some time spent therein,

¶120.10 RECORDED VOTE

A recorded vote by electronic device was ordered in the Committee of the Whole on the following amendment submitted by Mr. REGULA to the amendments en bloc submitted by Mr. TAUZIN:

Amendment submitted by Mr. REGULA:

In the en bloc amendments offered by Mr. Tausin to H.R. 5044, in the amendments to section 105—

(1) Strike "PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS" and insert "LOCAL GOVERNMENTS";

(2) strike "privately owned property" and insert "county, city, or town"; and

(3) strike "area unless" and all that follows through the period and insert the following "boundaries of the area unless the government of such county, city, or town agrees to be so included and submits notification of such agreement to the Secretary."

In the en bloc amendments offered by Mr. Tausin to H.R. 5044, in the amendments offered to section 106—

(1) strike "line 19" and all that follows through "own the property," and insert the following "strike lines 13 through 19 and re-

designate the following subparagraphs accordingly."; and

(2) strike "Page 15, line 18" and all that follows through "line 3 on page 17."

In the en bloc amendments offered by Mr. Tausin to H.R. 5044, in the amendments to section 107, strike "Page 18, beginning" and all that follows through "line 23 and insert a period."

In the en bloc amendments offered by Mr. Tausin to H.R. 5044, in the amendments to section 108, strike "Page 24, line 14" and all that follows through "insert '107(c)(1)'."

In the en bloc amendments offered by Mr. Tausin to H.R. 5044, in the amendments to section 109—

)1) strike "Page 25, strike" and all that follows through line 3; and

(2) strike "Page 29" and all that follows through "page 30," and insert the following: Page 30, line 3, insert "and" after the semicolon.

Page 30, line 7, delete "with the" and all that follows through line 14 and insert the following, "to minimize any real or potential adverse impact on an American Heritage Area."

Amendments en bloc submitted by Mr. TAUZIN:

Page 9, after line 24, insert the following:

(9) CONSENT OF PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS.—No privately owned property shall be included within the area unless informed written consent to such inclusion is submitted to the management entity for the proposed American Heritage Area by all of the persons who own the property.

Page 14, line 19, after the period insert the following: "No privately owned property shall be included in such list unless informed written consent to such inclusion is submitted to the management entity for the area by all of the persons who own the property."

Page 15, line 18, strike "approval" and insert "submission".

Page 16, strike line 1 and all that follows through line 2 and insert the following:

(b) APPROVAL AND DISAPPROVAL OF COM-PACTS.—

Page 16, line 7, strike "or management plan".

Page 16, line 8, strike "or".

Page 16, line 9, strike "management plan".

Page 16, line 10, strike "or plan".

Page 16, line 15, strike "or management plan".

Page 16, line 19, strike "or plan".

Page 16, line 21, strike "or plan".

Page 16, strike line 23 and all that follows through line 3 on page 17.

Page 18, beginning on line 20, strike "for approval".

Page 20, line 22, strike "for the" and all that follows through line 23 and insert a period.

Page 19, line 22, insert "and" after the semicolon.

Page 20, line 2, strike "; and" and insert a period.

Page 20, strike line 3 and all that follows through line 6.

Page 24, line 14, strike "approved" and insert "submitted".

Page 24, line 15, strike "106(b)" and insert "107(c)(1)".

Page 25, strike line 13 and all that follows through line 15 and insert the following:

SEC. 109. DUTIES AND AUTHORITIES OF SECRETARY.

The duties and authorities of the Secretary under this title shall include the following:

Page 25, line 16, insert "(A)" after "GRANTS.—".

Page 26, after line 4, insert the following:

(B) The Secretary may not, as a condition of the award of a grant under this section, require any recipient of such a grant to enact or modify land use restrictions.